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(Twice amended) The system according to claim 1 wherein the supporting plate of the vehicle door is formed as one of a door inside panel and a large surface support plate for a door module which is fitted onto a corresponding cut-out section in a door inside panel.

17. (Twice amended) The system according to claim 1 wherein the supporting plate defines a recess for assembly of the closing mechanism.

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 remain in the application. Claims 1-17 have been amended to place them in better form for U.S. practice. It is respectfully requested that the foregoing preliminary amendment be entered prior to examination.

Due to the number of amendments, a substitute specification pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.125 and MPEP § 608.01 (q) is submitted herewith to facilitate the prosecution of this application. The substitute specification is accompanied by a marked up copy showing the changes between the original application, as filed, and the substitute specification. The substitute specification does not contain any new matter and includes the same changes as are indicated in the marked up copy. Applicant respectfully requests that the substitute specification be entered in this case.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

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- 1. (Amended) \underline{A} [S]system to be fitted into a vehicle door [having] comprising:
 - a window lifter for lifting and lowering a window pane of a vehicle door [and consisting of] including a drive unit, [and] a transfer mechanism for transferring drive force from the drive unit to the window pane, and a guide rail [(310, 310')] of the transfer mechanism along which a follower of the window pane is guided, and
 - a closing mechanism [(4, 40, 40a, 41, 5, 50; 360, 370, 375, 380, 385)] for closing and opening the vehicle door,

wherein the window lifter and the closing mechanism [\(\frac{44, 40, 40a, 41, 50; 360, 370, 375, 380, 385)}\)] are [\(\frac{provided}{2}\)] configured for fixing on a supporting plate [\(\frac{2}{2}\)]\) of the vehicle door, [\(\frac{characterised in that}{2}\)] and wherein at least [\(\frac{a}{2}\)] one supporting part [\(\frac{360, 370, 380}{370, 375, 380, 385)}\)] is moulded on the guide rail [\(\frac{310, 310'}{310'}\)) which], the guide rail consisting [\(\frac{consists}{2}\)] at least in part of plastics.

- 2. (Amended) The [3]system according to claim 1 [characterised in that] wherein at least one supporting structural part of the window lifter serves at the same time to hold a functional element of the closing mechanism.
- 3. (Amended) The [3] system according to claim 1 or 2 [characterised in that] wherein at least a part of the closing mechanism [4, 40, 40a, 41, 5, 50; 360, 370, 375, 380, 385)] forms a prefabricated structural unit with the drive unit of the window lifter[7] [more particularly a cable window lifter].
- 4. (Amended) The [5]system according to claim 3 [characterised in that] wherein a base plate [(304) provided] for holding the drive unit forms a prefabricated structural unit with the guide rail [(310, 310')].
- 5. (Amended) <u>The [S]system according to claim 4 [characterised in that]</u> wherein the base plate [(304)] is moulded in one piece on the guide rail [(310, 310')].

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- 6. (Twice amended) The [5]system according to claim 1[characterised in that] wherein a [the] part of the closing mechanism [(4, 40, 40a, 41, 5, 50; 360, 370, 375, 380, 385)] which forms a structural unit with a structural group [(3a, 3b; 310, 310')] of the window lifter comprises [one or more] at least one of [the following structural elements] the group of structural elements consisting of:
 - [-] a socket $[\frac{40a}{360}]$ for a door lock, $[\frac{4}{10}]$
 - [-] a door lock $[\frac{(4)}{4}]_{\perp}$
 - [-] a socket $[\frac{(380, 385)}{}]$ for a door outside handle,
 - [-] a door outside handle,
 - [-] a socket $[\frac{(370, 375)}{}]$ for a door inside handle, and
 - [-] a door inside handle.
- 7. (Amended) The [5] system according to claim 6 wherein the part of the closing mechanism is the socket for the door lock and wherein [characterised in that] the socket [(360)] for the door lock forms a prefabricated structural unit with [the] a base plate [(304)] for the drive unit.
- 8. (Twice amended) The [5] system according to claim 3 [characterised in that in the case of an outer window lifter at least the socket (300, 385) for the door outside handle forms a prefabricated structural unit with the guide rail (310'), further comprising a socket for a door outside handle, the socket forming a prefabricated structural unit with the guide rail, wherein the window lifter is an outer window lifter.
- 9. (Twice amended) The [S]system according to claim 3[-characterised in that in the case of an inner window lifter at least the] further comprising a socket [(370, 375)] for [the] a door inside handle, the socket forming [forms] a prefabricated structural unit with the guide rail [(310)] wherein the window lifter is an inner window lifter.
- 10. (Twice amended) The [5] system according to claim 3 [characterised in that] wherein the window lifter is formed as a double-strand cable window lifter having two guide rails [(3a, 3b)] running side by side and [that] wherein a socket [(40, 40a)] for a door lock [(4] and a socket [(5, 40)]) for a door outside handle form a prefabricated structural unit with the guide rail [(3a)] of the window lifter on [the] a B-pillar side.

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- 11. (Twice amended) The [S]system according to claim 3 [characterised in that] wherein a socket [(40, 40a)] for a door lock [(4)] is connected to a socket [(5, 40)] for a door outside handle and [that] the socket [(5, 40)] for the door outside handle is connected additionally to the quide rail [(3a)].
- 12. (Twice amended) The [5]system according to claim 3 [characterised in that] wherein a door lock [(4)] and a door outside handle holder ((5)) are fixed on the guide rail [(3a)] through a common support [(40, 40a)].
- 13. (Twice amended) The [S]system according to claim 5 [characterised in that] wherein the [relevant] functional element [(4)] of the closing mechanism [(4, 40, 40a, 41, 5, 50; 360, 370, 375, 380, 385)] is prefitted on [the] an associated holding element [(40, 40a)].
- 14. (Twice amended) <u>The [S]system according to claim 3 [characterised in that] wherein the guide rail [(3a, 3b)]</u> of the window lifter is formed for displaceable bearing on the supporting plate [2)].
- 15. (Twice amended) The [5] system according to claim 3 [characterised in that] wherein the guide rail [(3a, 3b)] is displaceable on the supporting plate [(2)] along [the] a longitudinal direction of the vehicle.
- 16. (Twice amended) The [5]system according to claim 1 [characterised in that] wherein the supporting plate [(2)] of the vehicle door is formed as one of a door inside panel and [or as] a large surface support plate for a door module which is fitted onto a corresponding cut-out section in [the] a door inside panel.
- 17. (Twice amended) The [5] system according to claim 1 [characterised in that] wherein the supporting plate [(2)] defines a recess for [assembling] assembly of the closing mechanism [(4, 40, 40a, 41, 5, 50; 360, 370, 375, 380, 385)].

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